THE ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST FOR MOVING WITH YOUR CAT

BEFORE THE MOVE

☐ Get a certificate of veterinary inspection
☐ Check the USDA site for each state’s pet regulations
☐ Get copies of health records
☐ Update vaccinations
☐ Refill prescriptions
☐ Ask about motion sickness medication
☐ Get recommendations for a new vet
☐ Notify your pet insurance company
☐ Update your cat’s microchip registry with your new contact information
☐ Get your cat used to being in a carrier
☐ Take short drives with your cat
☐ Leave your home as normal as possible for as long as you can

DURING THE MOVE

☐ Keep your cat in a safe, enclosed area before leaving
☐ Secure your cat in the vehicle’s backseat
Pack these things in your car:
☐ Food
☐ Gauze
☐ Treats
☐ Nonstick bandages
☐ Water
☐ Self-adhesive tape
☐ Towels
☐ Digital thermometer

☐ Cover carrier with a sheet for a few hours
☐ Calm your cat with catnip essential oil
☐ Stop every 3 to 6 hours
☐ Book pet-friendly hotels

If you must fly:
☐ Fly direct
☐ Be on the same flight
☐ Try to avoid the cargo hold
☐ Don’t ever ship brachycephalic animals in the cargo hold
☐ Avoid busy flying periods

AFTER THE MOVE

Pet-proof your home:
☐ Make sure doors close and latch easily
☐ Look for exposed wires
☐ Look for places your cat could hide

☐ Put familiar objects in familiar areas
☐ Lay down unwashed blankets from your old home
☐ Place litter boxes on every floor and show cats where they are
☐ Give them time to acclimate

Sources: Dr. Carol Osborne, D.V.M.; Dr. Judy Morgan, D.V.M.; Humane Society of the United States; ASPCA; U.S. Department of Agriculture

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